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Attached are listings of broadcasts or broadcast segments, which, in the station's judgment, reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

PROGRAM INDEX

TV38 News – TV38 News is the market's only broadcast newscast available at 9:00 p.m. Anchored by Scott Wahle, the newscast delivers a contemporary half-hour of news filled with comprehensive coverage of local politics, community events, medical updates, and issues of importance to the community.

Airs: Monday-Friday at 9:00 p.m.

Duration: 30 minutes

TV38 NEWS

Political

04/01/08 A report on a congressional committee that is grilling oil executives about the rising price of oil and its affects on the economy.

04/22/08 A report on the Pennsylvania Presidential Primary and Hillary Clinton's win. Political Reporter Jon Keller analyzes the results.

04/23/08 A report on the high cost of food due to fuel costs and the cost of animal feed. The rise in these costs is causing many Bay State families hardship. They are giving up many things in order to put food on the table.

04/28/08 A report that Barack Obama's former minister, the Reverend Jeremiah Wright, is standing by his controversial comments.

05/06/08 A report on the latest results on the Democratic Presidential Primary races in Indiana as well as North Carolina. The races were very tight.

05/07/08 A report on Senator Hilary Clinton and Senator Barack Obama campaigning in West Virginia. Many were urging Clinton to get out of the race.

05/13/08 A report by Jon Keller giving us his analysis of the West Virginia Democratic Primary.

05/14/08 A report that former Presidential Candidate John Edwards endorsed Senator Barack Obama's presidential candidacy.

05/14/08 A report on death threats against Massachusetts House Speaker Sal DiMasi following the defeat of legislation allowing gambling casinos to be build in the state.

05/15/08 A report on a major victory for same sex couples in California. The High Court in California overturned a voter approved ban on gay marriage in that state.

05/19/08 A report on an appearance in Chicago by presidential candidate John McCain. The Republican candidate attacked Democratic candidate Obama on his lack of experience and his position on Iran.

05/20/08 Political Analyst Jon Keller looks at what the potential loss of Ted Kennedy from the Senate will mean to Massachusetts.

05/21/08 A report that oil executives were grilled on Capitol Hill about record profits amidst high prices for gasoline.

05/22/08 A report about Senator Ted Kennedy's speaking to the press from his Hyannis Port home. This was the first time the Senator has spoken publicly since being diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor.

06/02/08 A report that Senator Ted Kennedy underwent brain surgery at Duke University. We also had a report by Dr. Mallika Marshall on the surgery and the prognosis and treatment. The treatment will take place here in Boston at Massachusetts General Hospital.

06/03/08 A report that Senator Barack Obama has sewn up the delegates that he needs to win the Democratic Presidential Nomination. It was also reported that Hillary Clinton might be open to the Vice Presidential slot.

06/09/08 A report on Senator Ted Kennedy's return home to Massachusetts following successful brain surgery. Kennedy will start treatment at Massachusetts General Hospital.

06/25/08 A report about Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama stumping together in an effort to bring unity to the party.

06/27/08 A report from Unity, New Hampshire on how Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are banding together to try to unite the Democratic Party.

06/30/08 The State Senate has joined the House in approving a proposed increase in the cigarette tax. It could go into effect as early as July. The increase in taxes would raise money to help to cover the cost of the state's new health care law.

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Health & Medical

04/02/08 A report that some people who are addicted to smoking may be genetically inclined to get hooked on tobacco.

04/03/08 A report that six Boston eateries will refuse to sell bottled water. Advocates believe that using tap water will save taxpayers money, reduce wastes and bring back confidence in the public water.

04/08/08 A report that researchers at MIT have demonstrated that for the first time artificially created stem cells can be used to treat Parkinson's Disease symptoms in rats.

04/25/08 With the high costs of fuel and food, this report looked at how consumers might spend their tax rebates.

04/29/08 A report that researchers are out to prove the health benefits of eating cocoa and chocolate.

05/05/08 A report that the popular pain reliever ibuprofen could potentially lower the risk of people's developing Alzheimer's disease.

05/07/08 A report that symptoms of heart attack are very different for women than they are for men.

05/19/08 A report on a man who received a bionic limb and how the limb has helped him live a more normal life.

05/23/08 A report that red tide is shutting down shellfish beds in Bourne and Sandwich. The toxic algae makes shellfish dangerous for humans to eat.

06/10/08 A report on the heat wave which was so bad that schools had to close because children were getting ill from the hot weather. The report also included emergency numbers and shelters where viewer could seek relief.

06/16/08 A report on a new study which concludes that drinking two to six cups of coffee a day can help folks live longer.

06/20/08 A report that through using routine DNA checks tomatoes contaminated with salmonella were identified in Massachusetts.

06/23/08 A report that researchers may be close to solving the mystery of what causes Alzheimer's Disease by zeroing in on a specific plaque in the brain.

Law/Safety & Security

04/04/08 A report about seven Scituate homes affected by a power surge that took out electricity and fried anything that was plugged in. This was a costly error to the electric company.

04/09/08 A report that a group of New Bedford school children and their teachers are stuck in Haiti due to riots and unrest in the city of Port Au Prince. US officials were working to gain their release.

04/11/08 A report that Jamaica Plain residents have formed the first of its kind, online neighborhood crime watch network. Residents can create a profile and participate in the neighborhood's network alerting other residents.

04/23/08 A report on a brutal attack in Hyde Park. Police were looking for a man suspected in the beating and attempted rape of an elderly Hyde Park woman.

04/24/08 The heroic story of an off duty Saugus fire captain who managed to rescue a double amputee from a triple decker that was burning out of control.

04/29/08 A report on the findings of a new study that gives the Massachusetts Department of Social Services a D-Minus on its handling of child abuse cases.

04/30/08 A report on an amber alert. Police put out the alert looking for a mother and father who had taken their six month old out of protective custody.

05/01/08 A report on a new crack-down on jay walkers.

05/02/08 A report on the identity of a "person of interest" in a series of unsolved prostitute murders in Worcester.

05/08/08 A report on a Framingham family who received positive news coming out of the cyclone ravaged country of Myanmar. The family learned that their loved ones were safe.

05/09/08 A report on an arrest in a fire that killed two young sisters in South Boston.

05/12/08 A report about a lawsuit that was filed by the parents of two boys suffering from Autism. This was the first lawsuit to be heard that claims the Autism is due to vaccinations the boys had received.

05/13/08 A report that "Spygate" is finally over. The Patriots former video assistant met with the head of the National Football League to confirm that the assistant (?) did not take illegal videotape of the Rams final walkthrough the day before the 2002 Superbowl.

05/22/08 A report of a fire at the Ella J. Baker house, a center that helps at risk youths. The report looked at how the center will re-build and what will happen to the youths who use the services there.

06/04/08 A follow up report to the fire that devastated the historic J Hook Lobster Company. The owner for the first time spoke of his plans to rebuild and the help that he has received from the owners of surrounding businesses.

06/11/08 A report on the clean-up in Central Massachusetts following storms that knocked down trees and power lines.

06/17/08 A report on police security preparations should the Celtics beat the Lakers in Game 6 of the NBA Championship playoffs.

06/24/08 A report on a recall of Toyota Tacoma trucks because they have frames that are rusting.

06/24/08 A report that ten toll collectors at the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority were caught on camera pocketing cash at the tolls.

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Community/Culture

04/04/08 A report on the fortieth anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

04/07/08 A report that the MWRA plans to build two wind turbines on Deer Island. The move promises to save customers thousand in energy costs.

04/14/08 A report previewing the visit of Pope Benedict the 16th to the United States.

04/15/08 A report on the Pope's arrival in Washington, DC and his visit to the White House.

04/16/08 A report on the Pope's visit in the United States and the fact that he twice mentioned how sorry he was about the priest sex abuse scandal. The report also talked with local residents who thought he should have included Boston in his trip.

04/17/08 A report on the Pope's surprise meeting with some abuse victims.

04/20/08 **TV 38 broadcast Pope Benedict the XVI's Mass live from Yankee Stadium.**
The Mass was Pope Benedict's last public appearance before returning to Rome.

04/21/08 An in-depth report on the winners in the 112th running of the Boston Marathon.

04/21/08 A report on the rising costs of wire hangers and how something like that is affecting small businesses.

05/12/08 While the prices of many foods have gone up, this report showed that the prices of many foods have stayed the same but consumers are getting less for their money.

05/16/08 A report telling viewers where they can attend an auction on foreclosed homes.

05/26/08 A report from Boston's North End where veterans and military families called for peace in Iraq on this Memorial Day.

05/27/08 A report on a controversy in Gloucester where the Public Health Commissioner is encouraging Gloucester Hospital to include reproductive services for the students they serve at the Gloucester High School clinic.

05/28/08 A live report on the MBTA train collision in Newton. The horrific accident claimed at least one life and scores of passengers were injured.

06/05/08 A report about the Vision 5K Race to benefit Perkins School for the Blind. We profiled sighted volunteers who run the race side by side with the visually impaired to raise money for the school that claims Helen Keller as a student.

06/06/08 Report on Bill Clinton's visit to Massachusetts to celebrate CityYear, a local organization close to his heart. The organization trains young people to be leaders by pairing them with business volunteers who have taken a year off from work expressly to be in the program.

06/19/08 A report on the Time Magazine story that half of the young teens who got pregnant this year in Gloucester, Massachusetts did so on purpose.

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